

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Joyce Hinrich, President

It is the beginning of another exciting year for Friends of the Tempe Public to continue our support of this wonderful community service facility. As the demands of the Library increase, so does our commitment to help. We are now supporting programs at the main library as well as at the Westside Community Center and the Escalante Community Center and, recently, to T.J. Pappas School for Homeless Children in Tempe. The Friends, now more than ever before, have

tremendous opportunities to positively impact even more of the people in our community, especially the young people.

Last fiscal year, the Friends spent an unprecedented \$46,754 in support of a variety of Library activities including, of course, additional computer equipment and software, books, magazines, and furniture at all library locations. We also provided funds for Library programs like the Arizona

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BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Tempe Public Library will hold their special fall used book sale on Saturday, November 3rd, 2001 in the Library's lower level Program Room. The event will begin with a special members only sale from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The sale will be open to the general public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will feature over 6,000 paperback and hardback books for adults and children at bargain prices, ranging from classics to recent bestsellers. A selection of compact disk recordings and videos will also be available. Members of the Tempe Historical will also be present to sell items from their gift shop.

ABOVE THE STACKS

by Teri Metros, Library Administrator

The Library has had a very busy and productive year, one filled with many challenges, but one that ultimately resulted in a number of success stories. The following list was recently shared with the Tempe Library Advisory Board. Without the Friends' support, many of these achievements would not have been possible. On behalf of our citizens and the Tempe Public Library staff, thanks for helping us to

achieve our ongoing goal of providing quality library services to the community.

2000-2001 Accomplishments

✓ Expanded and enhanced library services at the Escalante Multigenerational Center by hiring a full-time Community Education Specialist who works at the Tempe Public Library Education within that facility.

✓ Completed remodel of the Library's Computer Access Center to provide a computer-training center and Tempe Learning Center classroom.

✓ Completed renovation of Library entry plaza and lower level Program Room. The new plaza now has enhanced lighting and decorative seating.

✓ Expanded the Library's collection of audio-visual materials

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to include digital video disks (DVD), recorded books on compact disc; and compact disc recordings for children.

- ✓ Developed and implemented a plan for the effective expenditure of budgeted funds for the replacement of key titles within the adult collections.

- ✓ Secured \$30,000 federal Library Services and Technology grant to acquire world language and literacy materials for children.

- ✓ Implemented free weekly computer training classes for the public that provide both introductory and more advanced instruction on the Internet and other computer-based resources.

- ✓ Wrote successful grant applications to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that will provide over \$60,000 in new computer equipment to expand and enhance public access computing for both children and adults.

- ✓ Made electronic books available to library users via the Tempe Public Library Web page.

- ✓ Selected a new library automation system to replace the current Inlex. The Library is currently in contract negotiations and we anticipate going live with the system in May 2002.

- ✓ Implemented program of library services through the Tempe



*Westside
Multigenerational
Center*

Public Library Education Center in the Westside Multigenerational Center.

- ✓ Completed construction of five group study rooms and reconfigured exterior entrance to the Computer Access Center.

- ✓ Completed construction of new computer training room on main floor of the Library to house training lab provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant.

- ✓ In partnership with Libraries for the Future, developed and implemented Family Place Parent/Child Workshops at the main Library and at the Escalante and Westside Multigenerational Centers. The Family Place Parent/Child Workshop combines early childhood education, parent support, and innovative library programs to provide family-centered library services.

- ✓ Implemented a Positive Service taskforce within the Library that is charged with looking at existing Library policies and procedures as they relate to providing excellent customer service in an increasingly electronic environment.

- ✓ Implemented "merchant librarian" concepts to market the Library's collection to users via increased use of displays and alternate shelving arrangements. Initial efforts have resulted in an increase in circulation rates.

- ✓ Expanded and enhanced the Library's world languages collection with particular emphasis on Spanish and Asian language materials.

- ✓ Developed a partnership with Tempe campus of T.J. Pappas School for homeless children.

Tempe Tardeada

by Nancy Petrie

The Tempe Tardeada will be held in Tempe on Sunday, October 14, 2001 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tempe Community Complex. It is located at the southwest corner of Southern and Rural, in the courtyard between the Tempe Public Library, the Edna Vihel Center for the Arts, and the Tempe Historical Museum.



The mission of the Tardeada is to identify and recognize the Hispanic historical roots of Tempe and educate the community with a celebration of the Hispanic culture. The word "Tardeada" means a vibrant afternoon festival and dance, and it is traditionally held on Sunday afternoons. Everyone is invited to this free event, which will have exciting activities for all ages.

There will be numerous activities on the day of the Tardeada. There will be performances on La Plaza Entertainment stage, crafts for all ages, booths representing local Hispanic groups with special activities for children, traditional foods, and traditional and modern

bands celebrating with a Sunday afternoon community dance.

The Tempe Transit Office is providing bus passes to the Tardeada; they may be used on any Valley Metro bus and are available on p. 29 of the City's leisure opportunities brochure for Fall 2001. For bus route and schedule information, call the Transit Office at 480/350-2739 or visit www.tempe.gov/tim.

There will be two exhibits at the Tempe Historical Museum of interest to those attending the Tardeada. Fiestas Para Los Niños is about the special celebrations that mark changes in the lives of children. Birthdays, saints' days, confirmations, and coming-of-age parties are some of the many fiestas commonly held. The museum teamed with Tempe's Hispanic community to develop the display, which will be on exhibit until April 21, 2002.



The exhibit Chicano: La Vida! from Arizona State University Libraries looks at Mexican Americans through family and community events, as part of organizations and their occupations. It will be on display from Saturday, September 29 through Wednesday, October 31, 2001.

Other activities related to the Tardeada will take place the week before the event itself. One of the pre-programming events is a workshop called Maskmaking with artist Zarco Guerrero! Mr. Guerrero is a renowned sculptor, muralist, mask maker, painter and musician. The workshop will be on Saturday, October 6 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Edna Viñel Center for the Arts. It will be most enjoyed by those aged 8-16 years. All material will be provided and it is recommended that attendees dress for messy projects. The fee for this event is \$25. Registration is required by September 26 as space is limited; the phone number is 480/350-5287.

On Tuesday, October 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Tempe Public Library Program Room, you can enjoy La Música en Tempe with Professor Arturo Rosales. This program takes a look at the way in which Mexican music influenced Tempe and the surrounding communities through performance, discussion and visual aids. Professor Rosales will present a panorama of episodes in the history of music in the Valley. Professor Rosales, Rafael Chavarría and Julián Vázquez are the musicians who will perform. Registration is required for this free event; call 480/350-5511 for more information.



On Wednesday, October 10 from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., children aged 3-5 years and their parents can enjoy The Elegant Rooster: traditional Hispanic stories.

This program will feature traditional Hispanic stories, songs, and a craft. It will take place in the Youth Library Meeting Room of the Tempe Public Library. No registration is required. For more information, please call 480/350-5522.

The Tempe Tardeada is sponsored by America West Airlines, Harkins Theatres, Bank of America, Arizona Republic, Macayo's Mexican Kitchens, KOHT 105.9 La Nueva, Mas! Arizona 55, Arizona Commission on the Arts, Friends of the Tempe Public Library, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Maricopa Community Colleges, Salt River Project, United Phoenix Firefighters Association, Waste Management, and Tempe in Motion.

For more information about the Tardeada, call 480/350-5100 or visit the Tempe Tardeada web site at www.tempe.gov/tardeada.

Don't miss the Friends Booksale

Saturday,
November 3

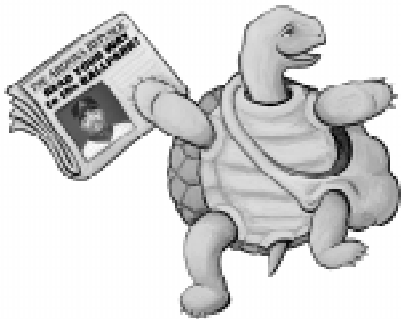
9:00 - 10:00 Members Only
10:00 - 2:00 General Public

News from the Youth Library

Sherry Warren, Youth Services Supervisor

"Extra! Extra! Read Your Way to the Ball Park" was a Success!

This summer, 5,834 children participated by registering and reading their way to the ballpark with 2,234 children completing the program. As they read along the path of the gameboard they earned prizes and had a great time. The Diamondbacks and the Arizona Republic were major contributors to the countywide program. Through the generous support of the Friends, staff added books and a treasure chest of prizes to supplement the program to make it more exciting to continue reading.



1,238 teens enrolled in "The Reel Adventure" reading program with 230 completing. The teen program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Harkins Theater. Tempe Transit provided bus passes which was a strong

incentive for teens to come into the library. They also provided canvas bags, which were extremely popular with the younger set. Both programs had a grand total of 7072 kids and teens in the program. This was phenomenal!

We held two programs a week with an attendance of 5,727 parents and children for the summer. The Starlight Planetarium presentations were popular at the Library and at the Escalante Multigenerational Center.

The Youth Library was extremely busy with the librarians answering reference questions and helping children with reader's advisory. Each week the youth library was alive with the voices of area youth groups who visited on a regular basis to check out books and claim prizes. Judi Pimentel supervised three sets of volunteers. There were 42 summer reading volunteers who handed out prizes, 15 computer assistant volunteers who helped monitor the computers and the children using them and 12 Book-Mate volunteers who read one on one with 4 to 7 years olds. All of these volunteers worked a total of 2010 hours this summer.



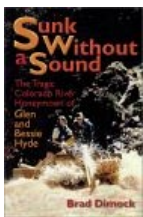
Meredith McGowan, worked as liaison with Kid Zone staff members to offer the reading program at their sites. Eleven of the twelve sites participated in the program by having reading times so that their children could earn prizes. All of the sites checked out books this summer and 6 of the 12 sites had the pleasure of listening to John Berkeland who visited sites for reading and storytelling sessions.

The Art Search, which was overseen by Judi Pimentel, was held in April and May, and the winners' art greatly enhanced the beauty of the youth library. Mayor Neil Guiliano officiated at the Art Reception to hand out certificates to the winners. Close to 100 people attended to honor the young winners. With the support of the Friends who provided funds for matting and framing the new art, the walls are now covered with vibrant art.

ON THE SHELF CHECK THESE OUT!

by Kim Garza, Collection Management Librarian

It is easy to get in a rut sometimes by only reading our favorite authors. It is always exciting to discover new writers and voices. The following are some special choices to round out your year.

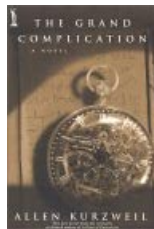


Dimock, Brad.
Sunk without a Sound: The Tragic Colorado River Honeymoon of Glen and Bessie Hyde.

Biography 92 H9936DI

Arizona author and river runner Dimock meticulously researched the folklore and history surrounding the 1928 honeymoon river run of Glen and Bessie Hyde. They were an adventurous young couple from Idaho who attempted to run the Green and Colorado rivers in a wooden scow. Their boat was found fully loaded in the bottom of the Grand Canyon, and no sign of the Hydies were ever found. This is a great story pieced together from photos, journals, newspaper accounts, and interviews. Dimock even attempted the trip with his own bride in a similar

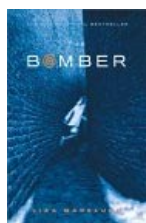
boat to see how much risk was actually involved. This dual biography is a well-written and compelling account of a story that needs to be told.



Kurzweil, Allen.
The Grand Complication.
K9696GR

This is an interesting, multilayered novel that can be hard to describe. Alexander Short is a reference librarian in a major library who is helping a bibliophile with some after-hours research. Nothing is as it seems in this book, and Alexander even puts his marriage at risk as he continues his obsessive hunt for "The Grand Complication."

This novel is part mystery, part black comedy, and you don't have to be a librarian to understand the humor of those fixated with order and living by classification.



Marklund, Liza
The Bomber.
M34627BO

This riveting novel was a best-

seller in Sweden last year. Stockholm crime reporter Annika Bengtzon, is investigating the bombing death at the Olympic Stadium being built in Stockholm. The authorities are trying to paint it as a terrorist act, but Annike thinks the evidence points to a personal vendetta. As she investigates further it becomes even more personal. The icy coldness of Stockholm helps bring this great thriller from an exciting new author to life.



Vickers, Salley.
Miss Garnet's Angel.
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Retired English schoolteacher Julia

Garnet travels to Venice where her life is changed by the city and the people she befriends. The Apocryphal tale of Tobit and the Angel Rafael is echoed by the modern situation of young art restorers Sarah and Toby. This is a bewitching debut novel that was already a hit in England for all lovers of Anita Brookner and Barbara Pym.

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Speakers' Series, Martin Luther King Day, Diversity Dialogues, Creative writing workshops, and volunteer recognition programs during the last year. The Friends' number one contribution, almost \$10,000 this year, was to the Children's Summer Reading program, which this year was a remarkable success. Almost 6,000 young citizens of Tempe took part in summer reading programs at the library, receiving books and other prizes for completion. Imagine, through your contributions to the Friends, you helped influence 6,000 children to read this summer. That's powerful stuff.

Through sales of donated and discarded books, membership sales and renewals, and memorial gifts, the Friends earned \$40,280 this year. This is record income, but still less than we spent, so as you can imagine, much of the discussion at the year's first Friends Board meeting on September 11 was centered around building up our coffers, reaching out for more members and increased fundraising. We will meet again on October 9 to set this year's goals. If you have ideas or suggestions, e-mail me at rjoy@qwest.net or call the library to leave a message on our voice mail (480-350-5599) or come to the Board meeting (we love

company).

Our first fundraiser for the year will be our semi-annual book sale on Saturday, November 3, in the library program room downstairs. Doors will open at 9AM for members only until the general public is welcome at 10AM. This early start is our thanks to you for your on-going support of our library and the Friends.

Meanwhile, communicate your ideas to the board, keep donating books, continue visiting the Friends book sales corner in the main library, and keep telling your friends and neighbors about our wonderful Tempe Public Library. See you at the book sale on November 3.



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